

ABSTRACT

A storage container (10) for storage of a biological sample (20) for analysis, wherein said container comprises a body (11) defining a compartment for storage of said sample; a platform (12) for retaining the sample (20), which platform is slidably received within the compartment; a closure (13) for an opening in the body (11) through which the platform (12) may be withdrawn from the compartment; and a locking mechanism (18) for the container whereby manual access to the sample is prevented after locking. Suitably a sample identifier (15) is provided for securing in the container (10) with the sample (20), and a portion (19) of the container is transparent to permit reading the sample identifier. The storage container (10) is desirably adapted for processing, such as sampling, by an automated test apparatus (21) when said container is interlocked in a docking station of the test apparatus.